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LOWESTOFT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1947.



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1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1947.

Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the M.C.H. Sanitary Inspector to be defective	No. of vessels reported on which defects were found	No. of vessels reported on which defects were remedied and reported to Ministry of Opt Surveyor	No. of vessels reported as having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Steiners & Motor Vessels	51	11,400	-	23	-
Foreign Sailing	6	-	-	-	-
Fishing		565	-	-	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	57	11,965	-	23	-
Steiner & Motor Vessels	238	41,500	-	17	3
Coast-wise		-	-	-	-
Sailing		2272	-	12	3
Fishing { Trawlers	3093	284,000	-	14	4
Drifters }		157,643	-		
TOTAL COASTWISE	5603	483,143	-	43	10
TOTAL FOREIGN & COASTWISE	5660	495,106	-	66	10

In addition to the above figures two Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries vessels made 59 entries during the year.

The Mission Ship made 13 entries.

II.

CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

(a) Passenger traffic during the year

There is no real passenger traffic at this port, which is not approved under the Aliens Order, 1920.

(b) Cargo Traffic

Principal Imports - Timber and salt.

Principal Exports - During the period 1st September to 31st December, 1947, 15,344 crans of fresh herrings and 13,022 barrels of pickled herrings were exported to Germany from the Port.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive

Scandinavian, Baltic and North Sea Ports.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

III.

WATER SUPPLY

There has been no change in the arrangements for such described in the 1937 report.

IV

PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 and 1945

Revised Forms of Declarations of Health have been issued in accordance with the Port Health Amendment Regulations, 1945.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS LANDED FROM VESSELS

There have been no cases of Infectious Sickness landed from vessels during the year.

There were no cases of infectious sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival.

No case of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox or Typhus occurred on any vessel during its voyage to this Port.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Methods of deratization, rat-proofing and other measures against rodents were described fully in the 1945 report. There has been no alteration in these arrangements during the year under review.

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AND THE MEANS OF PROTECTION AGAINST THEM

DIAGNOSTIC METHODS (b)

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AND THE MEANS OF PROTECTION AGAINST THEM

THE TREATMENT OF DISEASES AND INJURIES
AND THE MEANS OF PROTECTION AGAINST THEM
AND THEIR USE IN DETERMINING THE CAUSES OF DEATH
AND THE MEANS OF PROTECTION AGAINST THEM

HYGIENE, DIETETICS, PHYSIOLOGY, MEDICAL PHYSICS (c)

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RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR

(1) On vessels

No. of Rats	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total in year
Black	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	70	56	74	-	300
Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Species not recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Examined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infected with Plague	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The above figures are of necessity estimated due to boats leaving for sea immediately after disinfection work had been carried out.

During the year the Corporation Rat Catchers carried out disinfection by means of poisoning and trapping on eight boats, this work entailing thirty-five visits.

(2) IN DOCKS, QUAYS, WHARVES AND WAREHOUSES

It is regretted that again no figures are available of the number or species of rats destroyed in the docks, quays, wharves and warehouses. The Company has ownership of all the dock premises and warehouses and employ their own rat catcher who attends at the docks for at least two days in each month. The Company reports that "in view of the fact that the method of destruction is mainly by poison it is not practicable to keep such a record".

No Plague "Infected" or "Suspected" Vessels or Vessels from Plague Infected Ports arrived in the Port during the year.

Lowestoft is not a Port approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratization Certificates.

V.I.

HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES

Classification of Nuisances

Nationality of Vessel	No. inspected during yr.	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	43	-	-	10
Other nations	23	-	-	-

VII.

FOOD INSPECTION

(1) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Foods) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives, etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 - 1940 and the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 39).

According to the figures given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the weight and values of fish landed at Lowestoft during the year 1947.

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Trawl Fish	357,341 cwts	£1,456,831
Herrings	164,867 crans	£640,591

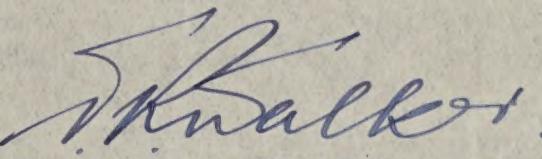
During the year 49 lbs of fish were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

(ii) Shell Fish

There are no shell fish beds in this area.

(iii) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

{a}	Bacteriologist	Nil
{b}	Analyst	Nil


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